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**Reply to**

**Attn. of:** SERO Policy

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**Subject:** CACFP Policy Memorandum 226.23-20; SFSP Policy Memorandum 225.06-33: Policy Exception – Family Size and Income Determination in the Child Nutrition Programs for Certain Military Families

**To:** All State Directors  
Child and Adult Care Food Program  
Summer Food Service Program  
Southeast Region

Under current policy (CACFP Policy 226.23-18, SFSP Policy 225.06-25) household members who are temporarily absent from the household are considered household members, and their income is included with other household income when making an eligibility determination. Household members not living with the household for an extended period of time or living overseas are not included as members of the household for eligibility purposes, and only that portion of their income made available by them or on their behalf to the household is counted as income to the household.

However, for the duration of Operation Enduring Freedom, we are allowing an exception to current policy on determining household income and size for deployed service members. Therefore, only that portion of the deployed service member's income made available by them or on their behalf to the household will be counted as income to the household. In addition, the deployed service members will continue to be considered a household member.

Should your staff have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Child, Adult, and Summer Nutrition Program staff.

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